



HARRIS INCIDENT

Fact Sheet



Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:00 a.m.
www.fire.ca.gov

Joint Information Line: 619-449-1462

Incident Name: Harris **Inc. Number:** CA-MVU-010427 **Location:** Potrero, San Diego County

Command Team: CAL FIRE Incident Command Team 9 is now in a unified command with Forest Service, San Diego City, Chula Vista and San Miguel.

Incident Start Date & Report Time: October 21, 2007 @ 9:30 a.m.

Incident Type: Wildland Fire **Acres:** 81,100 Acres **Cause:** Under Investigation

% Containment: 10% **Estimated Containment:** 10/31/07 **Cost to Date:** \$2,500,000

Fatalities: 1 civilian **Injuries:** 7 firefighters, 21 civilians **Vehicles/Equipment Destroyed:** 1 Fire Engine

Structures Destroyed: 155 Residences; 2 Commercial Properties; 17 Outbuildings/Other

Structures Damaged: 250

Structures Threatened: 1,500

Resources: Hand Crews 28 Dozers 4 Engines 149 Air Tankers 3 Helicopters 4
Water Tenders 20 Overhead Personnel 169 Total Personnel: 1,611

Significant events: The returning winds off of the ocean have moved the fire to the northeast threatening structures along Highway 94 from Jamul to the east, Lyons Valley to the north and Jamacha to the west. Last night, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger visited the Steele Canyon H.S. Evacuation Center and talked with evacuees. The fire suppression efforts near the evacuation center were successful. Fire commanders are confident that the cities of Chula Vista and San Diego are out of harms way in the Otay River Valley. A Type 2 federal Incident Management Team is joining the firefighting effort today.

Major problems and concerns: Fire behavior remains active in old and extremely dry fuels. There was not any moisture recovery last night with 17% humidity reported in the fire area. Heavy fuels and steep terrain on the northern edge of the fire are hampering firefighter efforts. Active structure protection continues in Lyons Valley. Although progress was made on fire containment yesterday, overall the fire remains at 10% containment due to additional fire spread.

Road Closures:

Highway 94 at SR-188	Jamul Drive at Fowler Canyon Road
Highway 94 at Melody Lane	Skyline and Lawson Valley
Highway 94 at Steele Canyon Road	Skyline and Lyons Valley Road
Highway 94 at Millar Ranch Road	Lyons Valley at Japatul Valley
Highway 94 at Rancho Miguel	Lyons Valley at Honey Springs Road
Highway 94 at Highway 54	Melody Lane and Proctor Valley Road
Highway 94 2 miles east of Harris Ranch Road	

Evacuations: The following areas are currently under an "Evacuation Order": Potrero, Barrett Junction, Engineer Springs, Dulzura, Deerhorn Valley, Tecate, Indian Springs, Jamul, North Jamul.

Evacuations Lifted: The "Point" in Spring Valley as of 10/24/07 12:00 pm
Otay Lakes Road to the Pio Pico Thousand Trails as of 10/25/07 8:00am

Evacuation Centers: The Red Cross has established the following evacuation centers for those displaced by the Harris Fire:

Santana High School
9915 Magnolia Ave
Santee, Ca
Status: Space Available

Mt. Miguel High School
8585 Blossom Lane
Spring Valley, Ca
Status: Space Available

Steele Canyon High School
12440 Campo Road
San Miguel, Ca
Status: Full

Campo Community Center
976 Sheridan Road
Campo, Ca
Status: Full

Additional Messages: San Diego County website has established at <http://sdcplu.org> to provide information of the ongoing private property damage assessments. Pio Pico Thousand Trails will be reopened today to residents only. Other evacuation areas will continue to be evaluated and reopened as soon as it is safe.